Report on Central Station renovations by Willie Farnum

Oct 4, 2019 walk through and talk with Chief Colcord

Primary look was at the three bays holding the fire and rescue apparatus.

The two main bays are each 17 feet wide by 58 feet deep with no divider in the middle.

The overhead doors are both 9 feet 11 inches tall and 11 feet 11 inches wide.

Fire engine 1 in the northern bay is 38 feet in length and width of 8'-6" feet.

The new engine Hose and Air truck is 29 feet 2 inches long. Maximum width 8'-6"

Located in the bay area are two other vehicles one is an old forestry truck, which is in poor condition. In the opinion of this writer this vehicle should be decommission and disposed of.

The other is an old fire truck believed to be a 1941, which is no longer used for fire fighting and is in need of repairs. *In this writers opinion this truck should be moved to the South Tamworth Station in the back shed area.* 

There seam to be many items that have out lived or are no longer serviceable, which if removed to make more room in the bays.

There are two heating systems for the bays one is a hot water boiler outside in a building. Secondary/back up is a hot air furnace located in the back and hung from the ceiling.

There is a floor drain that goes into a (apparently sealed sump) which has a sump pump that pumps it out side to the ground. I am sure that DES would not approve of this and what if one of the trucks leaked fuel and then was pumped out on the ground.

The rescue truck bay appears to be adequate for the truck.

I believe that there should be a list of items that need to be addressed such as the roof painted and some doors replaced center drain plugged, interior cleaned and painted, some additional insulation, and we get a price for doing this work.

A price should also be requested for increasing the height of the bay doors on the front of the station.